

## **Public Safety Communications Interoperability Conference**

Focusing on Effective Management of Radio Frequency Spectrum Resources

**JANUARY 22, 2004** 

SHERATON CITY CENTRE HOTEL, SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH

WHAT:

Radio frequency spectrum is a fundamental component of wireless communications networks. Learn how to effectively manage spectrum resources to help ensure reliable, cost effective, and interoperable public safety communications capabilities in your community. Attendees will discuss spectrum management challenges and learn about proven ways to improve public safety communications capabilities and interoperability through effective spectrum management. The conference will include presentations by spectrum management specialists from local, state, and federal agencies, panel discussions, and networking opportunities.

There is no fee for attending; however, seating is limited.

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE: JANUARY 15. 2004.** 

After the deadline, walk-ins are welcome but cannot be guaranteed conference materials or a seat.

WHEN: Thursday, January 22, 2004

(Registration: 7:00 a.m.-8:00 a.m./Conference: 8:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m.)

WHERE: Sheraton City Centre Hotel, 150 West 500 South, Salt Lake City, UT 84101

801.401.2000

WHO: Hosted by the Utah Communications Agency Network (UCAN) and sponsored by the

SAFECOM Program. The SAFECOM Program serves as the umbrella program within the Federal

Government to coordinate the efforts of local, tribal, state and federal public safety agencies improve public safety response through more effective, efficient, interoperable wireless

communications.

**TUITION:** 

Attendance is free of charge.

### **CONFERENCE FOCUS AND GOALS**

This conference will include a combination of presentations and panel discussions on technical and managerial aspects of radio frequency spectrum. The goal is to teach attendees how to effectively manage spectrum resources as a step in ensuring reliable, cost effective, and interoperable public safety communications capabilities in their communities. Presentations and panel discussions will include—

- **Spectrum Policy 101**—an introduction to spectrum policy and an overview of processes and procedures to enable effective management and use of frequency assignments
- Uses and Characteristics of Public Safety Spectrum Bands—a presentation on the advantages and disadvantages of various spectrum bands available to public safety agencies
- White House Spectrum Policy Initiative Task Force—an overview of how the SAFECOM Program represents local and state public safety interests on the task force
- FCC and NTIA Roles and Responsibilities—a presentation on the spectrum policy and management roles of the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) and the National Telecommunications & Information Administration (NTIA)
- **Narrowbanding**—a panel discussion on how public safety agencies are affected by the FCC and NTIA mandates for improving spectral efficiency in the VHF and UHF frequency bands
- Eliminating Interference at 800 MHz—Overview of Consensus Plan—a panel discussion on the interference problems experienced by many public safety agencies with 800 MHz radio networks
- Interoperability Challenges in the VHF and UHF Bands—a presentation on methodologies to enable interoperability between agencies with radio networks operating in different spectrum bands



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FAX TO: 703.279.2035 or

**E-MAIL:** Save Word file to your computer, complete form, and e-mail to information@pswn.gov **or** 

MAIL TO:

SAFECOM Program ATTN: Public Safety Communications Interoperability Conference P.O. Box 3926 Fairfax, VA 22038-3926 or

#### **REGISTER ONLINE:**

http://www.pswn.gov/

Registration deadline is January 15, 2004.

Seating is limited, so please register early.

The event is free.

On receipt of your registration, the SAFECOM
Program will send a
confirmation and reserve your
on-site event materials.

NAME:		
Position:		
ORGANIZATION/AGENCY:		
MAILING ADDRESS:		
CITY:		ZIP:
PHONE:	_ Fax:	
E-MAIL:		
What category best describes your organization? (Choose one)		
☐ Fire Department	☐ EMS	☐ Fire/EMS
☐ Media	☐ Private Sector	☐ Law Enforcement
☐ Elected/Appointed Official	☐ Military	Radio Manufacturer
☐ Other Government (e.g., IT Staff, Transportation)		
All information on this form will be included in the event roster. If you prefer that your address and telephone number be omitted, please check the box below:		
Do <b>not</b> include my address and telephone number in the roster.		

#### **HOTEL INFORMATION**

The **Sheraton City Centre Hotel** is located at 150 West 500 South, Salt Lake City, UT 84101

PHONE: 801.401.2000

**HOTEL RATE**: **\$80.00** single + 11.2% tax. This rate will be offered 3 days before and 3 days after the event based on space availability within the SAFECOM Program room block.

Please book your hotel rooms early. Hotel registration deadline is January 8, 2004. **GROUP NAME:** To receive the conference rate, be sure to specify the **SAFECOM Program**.

**PARKING:** Is available to the hotel guests for \$4.00 per day for daily parking before 5 p.m., \$6.00 for overnight and evening parking after 5 p.m., and \$9.00 per day for valet parking. Alternate parking can be found at the West Temple parking lot located on the east side of the hotel. This lot is park and pay.

**TRANSPORTATION:** Complementary hotel shuttle service is available to and from the Salt Lake City International Airport 24 hours a day.

The hotel has a limited number of rooms at the special SAFECOM Program rate!